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SUBJECT: ISRAELIS ASK GUATEMALA'S SUPPORT FOR UN RESOLUTION

1. FOREIGN MINISTER ARENALES TOLD CHARGE IN CONFIDENCE TODAY THAT ISRAELI AMBASSADOR HAD ASKED FOR GUATEMALA TO MAKE SPEECH IN U.N. IN SUPPORT OF A FOUR-POINT RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD

(1) CONDEMN EGYPT AND SYRIA FOR BEGINNING CURRENT AGGRESSION; (2) CONDEMN ACTS OF ARAB TERRORISM IN GENERAL; (3) INSIST THAT IN ANY CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT ARABS AGREE TO WITHDRAW TO POSITIONS HELD BEFORE PRESENT CONFLICT; AND (4) URGE THAT ANY RESOLUTION TO ARAB-ISRAELI CRISIS SHOULD RECOMMEND SETTLEMENT ON A BILATERAL BASIS.

2. ARENALES SAID HE HAD GIVEN ISRAELI A NEGATIVE RESPONSE, SAYING THAT AS A SMALL NATION NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED HE DID NOT BELIEVE IT WAS PROPER FOR GUATEMALA TO TAKE THE LEAD IN ANY UN MIDDLE EAST PEACE INITIATIVES; AND THAT IN REGARD TO GUATEMALA'S OVERALL POSITION, HE COULD ONLY SAY THAT WHEN THE TIME CAME FOR GUATEMALA TO TAKE A POSITION ON THE CURRENT CONFLICT, IT WOULD ASSUME A POSITION WHICH IT CONSIDERED FAIR AND JUST.

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3. ARENALES ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD NOT TOLD THE
ISRAELI AMBASSADOR SO, HE THOUGHT THE ISRAELI POSITION
WAS VERY WEAK IN VIEW OF TEL AVIV'S REFUSAL TO RETURN TO
STATUS QUO ON THE LINES IN 1967 AND OF RECENT
AIRCRAFT HIJACKING BY ISRAELIS.
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